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days before its contents were suspected. He threw the check away, as I have described, but retained the key. The check was found just where I saw it fall.

It took long weeks to convict the man, for he employed the best legal talent, but with conviction came confession and later on the gallows. His check, his trunk, the two new straps, his drive over to Chester, the buried clothing of the girl, and a knife and hatchet had to be traced up and connected, but when the case was presented his doom was sealed. A detective? No. The profession is all right, but I should prefer almost any other. I simply keep my eyes open as I travel about, and when a thing happens I want to know the why and wherefore of it.

## HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

As Viewed by Edward Dekum—Any Attempt to Restore the Queen Will Result in Bloodshed.

Mr. Edward Dekum, who had been sojourning in Hawaii for two months, returned home last Saturday. He went to the island kingdom primarily for his health and secondly for the purpose of looking into the coffee interest, with a view of establishing a coffee plantation. This is a comparatively new industry on the Islands, and owing to the existing unsettled condition of affairs in the kingdom, the exorbitant price of lumber and other materials and the length of time which must elapse before any returns can be had on the investment, Mr. Dekum was convinced that it would prove unprofitable, and has abandoned the idea for the present.

Mr. Dekum returned from Hawaii on the same steamer with ex-Minister Stevens, who is now at San Francisco with his wife and daughter, taking a long-needed rest. Burdened with worry from growing out of the recent revolution and the death of his favorite daughter, he is now, Mr. Dekum says, physically incapacitated from work, and needs a long vacation. He clearly shows the trouble on his mind, and his facial expression has changed in a remarkable degree since Mr. Dekum first met him two years ago.

"Mr. Stevens is very popular with the Hawaiians," said Mr. Dekum yesterday. "On May 24th, just before his departure to the United States, he was tendered a great ovation and reception at Honolulu. People stood in line for hours in order to get an opportunity to speak to him, and natives and foreigners alike rushed forward to grasp his hand. Flowers were presented to him in immense quantities as a token of esteem in which he is held by the natives. The reception was said to be the grandest ever given in Honolulu."

"Minister Blount is not very popular except with the Royalists, and with them because he is opposed to annexation. Great surprise was expressed when the news of Blount's appointment was received, for he had been quoted as saying that he would not take the office for \$25,000 a year. The Americans are displeased with Blount, and any other man whom the President could have appointed would have been more acceptable than he is. He courted unpopularity by ordering the American flag, raised by Minister Stevens, hauled down, and he will never be forgiven for this act. Besides this, he has given the Americans who took part in the revolution no assurance of protection of their lives and property should the Queen be restored to the throne and determine upon revenge. He has said that the Americans on the Islands will be protected, but he has positively refused to state what will be done with those who took part in the revolution."

The affairs of the kingdom are more settled at present than at any time since the revolution. My personal opinion, based upon conversations with merchants of Honolulu, is that there will be no interference by the British or Japanese governments. The residents of the kingdom do not care for annexation with Great Britain, for they have heard so much about business depression prevailing in the colonies that they think the result would be unfavorable to them. They would not care to have Great Britain establish a protectorate either, although they have received no encouragement from the United States in the matter of annexation. What Japan intends to do is not known. Paul Neumann, attorney-general in the Queen's cabinet, and her right hand bower, has gone to that country on a secret mission and his object can easily be guessed. What will result from his mission can only be conjectured. If the Japanese government attempts to take the country there will be bloodshed, for the revolutionists will fight to the end for independence if the United States refuses to interfere. Whether the 12,000 Japanese on the Islands will rise in arms remains to be seen. The Japanese have fine, well-manned cruisers in Hawaiian waters. The 15,000 Chinese on the Islands do not care whether the Islands are taken by the United States, Great Britain, Portugal or Japan. All they ask is the privilege of growing rice and earning a living. My personal opinion is that the United States will never get the Islands. This belief is based upon the fact that, according to the census, there are 65,000 natives, Chinese and Japanese, while there are only 10,000 Americans, Germans and Englishmen. Yet three-fourths of the capital invested is American, although the natives are in the majority. They are a careless, improvident set, with no business ability or brains, and can be easily influenced. At an American annexation meeting they will shout for annexation, and the next day at a Royalist gathering they will cheer for the Queen. Should annexation carry, they would be happy until influenced by the Royalists, and then they would be willing to participate in an attempt to overthrow the

government. Claus Spreckels, on his recent visit to the Islands, darkened the aspect of annexation. It had always been supposed that he was in favor of it but he expressed himself as strongly opposed to it. He claims that it will ruin the sugar industry as the contract labor system would have to be abolished. Sixty per cent of the laborers have bound themselves for three years."

Speaking of other matters, Mr. Dekum said: "Charles Nordhoff, the New York Herald correspondent, who has been writing articles for his paper against annexation, so worked up the people by his false statements that several parties referred to in his articles threatened to bring suit for libel, and he was compelled to retract and apologize. Now the government has asked him to correct certain statements which he made, and he was ordered to appear before a tribunal. Acting under instructions from Minister Blount, he refused to do so. His case had been called before the supreme court when we left the islands."

"Trade in Honolulu is at a standstill. There are no signs of revolution, but what trade is being done is purely local. There are few tourists there, except those from Australia who are on their way to this country."

"John Eifinger, well-known in this city, is city editor of an annexation newspaper published in Honolulu. When the revolution broke out, he shouldered a musket and guarded the palace, and when the paper was started he was given the local desk."

"Flagstuffs, put up after the revolution, still remain in front of every business house and very prominent residence, and the American flag still waves in the breeze, giving the city a gala appearance. An Hawaiian flag is seen occasionally. All the annexationists wear presidential campaign buttons, and badges, which were a drug on the market after the last campaign, are in great demand there."

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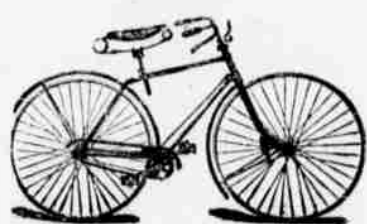
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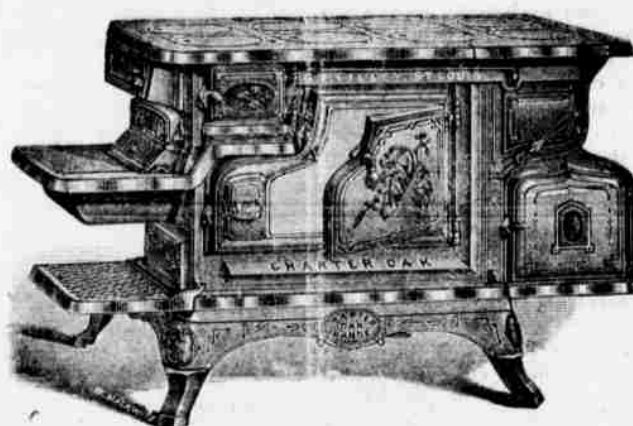
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